





### Vessels Advertised as Loading.

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We have received from Mr. A. H. Semat, Shanghai, a calendar for 1893, issued by the Palatine Insurance Co., Limited.

Miss Elsie Adair has been well received at Shanghai, making a great hit with the Serpentine Dance on the opening night.

As will be seen from our advertising columns to-morrow's race of the Royal Yacht Club has been declared off on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The correspondent of a Japanese native paper states that enormous quantities of Japanese and Australian coal were found in Port Arthur.

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AMERICAN papers to hand contain details of a successful operation which is said to be without parallel—the removal of the arches of three of the lower vertebrae from a patient.

at Sacramento.

the *N.-C. Daily News*, that the crew of the *Redpoll* shall not be allowed to go ashore for fear of alarming the populace, and it does not want the *Redpoll* to stay long on her anchorage off the Settlement. This can only be characterised as a very silly proceeding on the part of the Tactist, or an exhibition of official obstructiveness which ought to meet with a rebuff.

encounters between the Chinese soldiers and

The following telegram from Nagasaki appears in the *Japan Mail* of the 11th inst.—  
—Information has reached this port that the *City of Rio de Janeiro* struck upon an unknown sunken rock on Sunday afternoon, and that Captain Smith beseeched the ship for the purpose of effecting a temporary stoppage of the leak. The damage was found to be forward of the foremast, where there was a hole 15 feet by 4 feet on the starboard side. Having patched up the hole, the *Rio* proceeded under easy steam, but it being subsequently discovered that the water was again coming in, Captain Smith selected a safe and suitable spot and anchored the vessel for more effective repairs.

pairs. A quantity of cargo in the fore-had to be jettisoned, but that in the ot

holds is intact, and other parts of the  
are tight and undamaged. The passing  
mails and specie were transferred to  
Yugao Maru, sent hence to the Rio's  
assistance, and have all been landed safely  
this port. The Rio will be effectually  
paired where she lies so as to be able  
make this port in safety, and may be  
prompted to arrive here in a few days.

THE N.-C. Daily News of the 14th ins  
contains a remarkably bellicose native mi  
fests published by Cantonese in Shang  
After extolling the gallant and heroic de  
of 'the true sons of Kuangtung' e  
cially in the Yaloo engagement, the  
portance of 'the waiting game' receive  
measure of praise, and the Peace  
headlines are referred to as 'the

disgraces to our nationality.'  
manifesto proceeds:—We, therefore,

coll upon every true patriot and son of the soil. He would have the Kuangtung to assemble at the rate of a hundred men to a company, armed with drum and by force of arms even, if necessary, to expel those persons should they dare darken the threshold of either the Canton or the Swatow guilds, and endeavour, if need be, to prevent them from casting this indecent stain of disgrace and shame upon the hospitality of our beautiful province. Should you, however, aware of the estimation we so highly hold them in, try therefor to enlighten their diminished heads and filthy garments, and to induce them to come from us within the shelter of some of our places of abode, we be the son of a bitch (patronymic of Kuangtung province) should they try to contravene the usual will of the people and endeavour to do

with them. They should rather be a

these disgraces of the name of Kuangtung men, who, on any other errand, but to be present, from the fact of being his province, and possessing the high rank of a do, would rightly be received by us. They go to bring disgrace upon us, to may the Gods above be our witness this is the will and determination of the people! A unanimous proclamation by scholars and people of Kuangtung.

or impure, circulates through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kid-

spreads disease on its course. In cases of  
feels, Scoury, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and  
Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds  
effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture are mar-  
Thousands of wonderful cures have been ef-  
fect of it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold  
where at 2s. 9d. per bottle. Beware of  
low imitations and substitutes.







## MARRIAGES BY A SCOTTISH

SHERIFF.

The marriage process before a Scottish

judge has its amusing as well as its serious

side.

The form is very simple. With two wit-

nesses, the couple wishing to be married

present themselves before a sheriff-substituted

in chambers. A paper from the registrar is

laid before him, and, addressing the

bride and bridegroom, says, after having

read the usual Scottish fashion—

"Mary So-and-so and John So-and-so, you

are present to-day at the registrar's office

and agreed to be married in the presence of

these two witnesses. Do you now, being in

your sound and sober senses, being free to

do, and having read in this country twenty-

one days except one another as man and

wife?"

Bride and bridegroom: "Yes, my lord."

The judge then administers the oath to

the attendant witnesses, and says—

"You, John, and you, Jane, you

were present to-day at the registrar's office

and heard the man and woman now before

you accept one another as man and wife?"

Witnesses: "Yes, my lord."

Judge: "And you know that they are in

their sound and sober senses, that they have

resided for twenty-one days in this country,

and are free to marry?"

Witnesses: "Yes, my lord."

Judge (to bride and bridegroom): "You

are now man and wife according to the laws

of Scotland, and I shall instruct the registrar

to duly register your marriage. Good morn-

ing."

"Good morning, my lord."

And thus the whole ceremony is over.

I have known some curious incidents in

connection with such marriages. Some years

ago in Glasgow, when "the reserves" were

unexpectedly called out to do service for their

country, the sheriff-substituted, six in

number, were occupied for days in doing

nothing else but marrying soldiers and their

sweethearts.

The scenes in some instances were very

pathetic. Many a hot tear ran down the

cheeks of the girls during the ceremony,

because they knew that they were to be

separated from them—"It might be ever

years, it might be ever years, the uncertain-

ty of war might bring them widowhood or

the return of a conquering hero."

One day it was my experience to witness

a remarkable case. A stockbroker's clerk

was charged with embezzling £2,000, the

money of his employers. He had speculated

on the Exchange and lost the money. He

was brought by the police officers to the

sheriff-substituted's chambers for the pur-

pose of "emitting a declaration." This a

prisoner may do, or not, for anything he

says will be used against him in evidence at

his trial.

The stockbroker's clerk "emitted his de-

claration," and his bail was fixed at £2,000.

The bail was forthcoming in the form of a

lady, heavily veiled, and a cheque having

been handed to the clerk of the court for

this amount, the prisoner and his friend left

the chambers to go home.

About an hour later, a lady and gentleman,

with two witnesses, entered the chambers of

another judge in the same building, and

were married in legal form by the sheriff.

That afternoon a steamship bound for Aus-

tralia left the Clyde, and two of the pas-

sengers were the stockbroker's clerk and

the lady who proved to be his wife. This

sum, when became surety for £2,000. This

the case came on for trial, was forfeited in

the absence of the prisoner who was thou-

sands of miles away with his wife. It was,

some would say, a dear price to pay for a

husband, but there can be no doubt the

lady was satisfied with her bargain, else she

would not have parted with so large a sum.

At any rate, she prevented in one stroke

prison and a husband in one stroke.

Humorous incidents have often taken place

after a marriage in the courts. A couple of

shifty appearances appeared once before the

late sheriff-Principal Clerk. The bride had

a huge and handsome bouquet, which the

judge cast glances at every now and again,

for he was very fond of flowers.

After he had made them and wife,

"according to the laws of Scotland," his

lordship wished them every happiness, and

as a souvenir of the event, asked the lady if

she would give him just a little slip from

her bouquet.

The delighted bride, in a flutter, said,

handing the bouquet towards the judge—

"Help yourself, my lord."

A vigorous attempt was made by his lord-

ship to get a button-hole, but without suc-

cess, and he was about to hand the flowers

back to the lady.

"No, no, my lord, keep them all," she

laughingly said.

"But I am robbing you of them."

"Oh, never mind that, my lord. I am

perfectly happy without them," and linking

her arm in her husband's she led him out of

the court, leaving the sheriff in possession of

the flowers, to the amusement of all present.

—*Cassell's Saturday Journal.*

## IT IS EASY TO ASK QUESTIONS.

A child can ask questions that a wise man

can't answer. Yes; and there are some ques-

tions that the wisest doctors don't like to have

people ask them. But a question of this sort

while we are about it, however, we might as

well tell the story straight away and have done

with it.

Mr. Raulh Maco was very ill with influenza.

That was in February, 1892, the time of the

epidemic. The doctor thought he put her

suddenly seized with violent pain in the head

(both front and back) and temples. She had

pain in all her joints too, and was hot and

feverish. She went to bed and sent for the

doctor. He came, examined her, took her tem-

perature—over 100 degrees—and said very little

except in bed. She could not turn

herself in bed. She lived on slops, such as milk

and broth; she could not swallow a morsel of

solid food. Her husband pressed her to take

strong food, saying, "If you don't eat, you will

starve." Right enough, but he forgot that

when one can't eat he can't eat, and there's an

end.

Well she got weaker and weaker, and fell away

until there wasn't much left of her but skin and

bone. In her anxiety, she put her question—

"Do you think I shall get well?"

The doctor's answer was true and honest: "No,

I like and respect him for it. He said, 'Mrs.

Maco I do not know.' He couldn't tell.

Neither could any other doctor, no, not even if

he had a string of titles as long as a mile as

a kid's tail. But did she get well? Wait a bit.

We must look back a minute now.

Along about the 10th of March, 1890, Mrs.

Maco began to feel tired, languid, and weary,

as if her work were too much for her. She

lost a good deal of sleep, poor appetite,

and whatever she ate gave her pain at the chest

and heart. "I had," she continues, "a dull

heavy pain at the right side and between the

shoulders, and a sinking feeling at the pit of the

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## Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND

BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLES, LONDON,

HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ALSO.

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January,

1895, at Noon, the Company's

S.S. JARRA, Commanded by M. BARNIER,

with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT,

and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Species will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-

cepted in transit through Marseilles for the

principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till

Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4

p.m. Sports and Parcels until 3 p.m. on

the 22nd January, 1895. (Parcels are not

to be sent on board; they must be left at

the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 2, 1895.

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STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,

INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,

MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-

VIA, PENINSULAR GULF, CONTIN-

ENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship ROSETTA, Captain G.

W. F. BROWN, R.N.R., carrying Her

Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from

this Port for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the

31st January, at Noon, taking Passengers

and Cargo for the above Ports. (This

Steamer connects at Bombay with the

CARTAGE, which Vessel takes on her

Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL,

leaving that port on the 23rd FEBRUARY,

1895).

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France,

and Tea for London (under arrangement)

will be transhipped at Colombo into a

steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and

London; other Cargo for London, &amp;c., will

be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office

until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The

contents and value of all packages are

required.

Shippers are particularly requested to

note the terms and conditions of the Com-

pany's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. H. JOSEPH,

Superintendent.